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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Special Application of FiberTower Corporation to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services*, WC Docket No. 12-334, Comp. Pol. File No. 1066

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, November 20, 2012, James Grudus (participating by telephone), Jay Bennett, and the undersigned of AT&T, Tamara Preiss and Michael Samsok (participating by telephone) of Verizon, K.C. Halm of Davis Wright Tremaine, on behalf of Cricket Communications, Michael Lazarus and Pamela Hartka of Telecommunications Law Professionals, on behalf of MetroPCS, Luisa Lancetti of T-Mobile and Russell Fox, of Mintz Levin, on behalf of T-Mobile, and Breck Blalock of Sprint and David Swan, of McGuire Woods, on behalf of Sprint (collectively, "the Carriers"), met with Kimberly Jackson and Rodney McDonald of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Blaise Scinto, Brian Regan, Lloyd Coward, and John Schauble of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Hillary Burchuk of the Office of General Counsel, to discuss the above-referenced application by FiberTower to discontinue the provision of wireless and fiber optic backhaul services to the Carriers in twelve states and the District of Columbia.

The Carriers rely on FiberTower to provide critical backhaul services to thousands of sites, which the Carriers use to provide wireless service to millions of customers, including government agencies and public safety entities. The Carriers explained that FiberTower's stated intent to discontinue providing backhaul services as of December 9, 2012, placed the Carrier customers at risk of losing service. That, in turn, would adversely affect the wireless services the Carriers provide to their own end-user customers. The large number of circuits involved, as well as the fact that multiple customers of FiberTower must simultaneously arrange for the migration of circuits off of FiberTower's network significantly complicates the transition process. The transition also requires sufficient time to permit the installation and testing of new equipment to ensure the seamless provision of critical services such as E911. Thus, although the Carriers have diligently commenced the process of migrating services from FiberTower's facilities, that undertaking cannot be accomplished by the December 9 deadline set by FiberTower, or by the December 16 default date indicated in the Commission's November 15, 2012 Public Notice.

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The Carriers explained that they were attempting to negotiate an agreement with FiberTower to present to the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, which has jurisdiction over FiberTower's pending petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, to provide for an orderly wind down and migration of their existing services, and committed to inform the Commission of the results of those negotiations. On Wednesday, November 21 the Carriers and FiberTower reached an agreement that provides, *inter alia*, for the continued operation of FiberTower's network through April 30, 2013. FiberTower has submitted that agreement to the Bankruptcy Court for approval. As was discussed at our November 20 meeting, the Carriers will propose a course for the Commission to proceed in response to this agreement in our comments due on November 30 pursuant to the Public Notice.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or any of the participants in the meeting, with any questions regarding this matter

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert C. Barber

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